Vehicle Industry News

Electric Motorcycles

New Information

When an original application for regular registration or off-highway vehicle (OHV) identification of an electric motorcycle is processed by the department, the serial number on the electric motor will be used for the motorcycle's engine number. If the electric motor does **not** have a number, the department will refer the customer to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for an engine number assignment.

Background

Electric vehicles are subject to the same registration requirements as other vehicles, using the serial number on electric motors, as the engine number facilitates a uniform standard for engine number identification on electric motorcycles.

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